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The following Japanese references are not in the English language:

- 1) 2001-272944
- 2) 2002-261448
- 3) 2002-26246
- 4) 7-326536
- 5) 2-807672

References 1) to 5) include an English language abstract. Reference 5) also includes a "concise explanation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) as set forth in the specification at page 3, line 26.

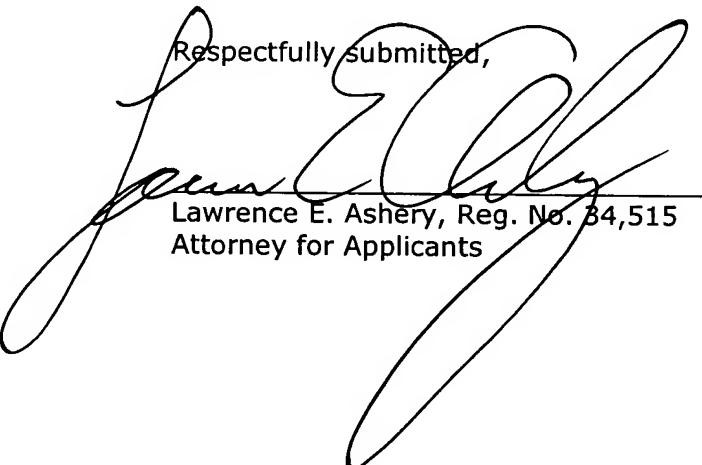
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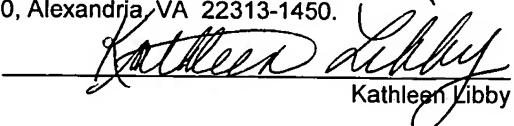
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